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North Rim

Drive with care

- · Observe posted speed limits.
- Maximum speed limit is 45 mph.
- · Watch for pedestrians and wildlife.
- Increase caution at night and during wet conditions.

What Time Is It?

Most of Arizona, including Grand Canyon National Park, remains on Mountain Standard Time year-round. Arizona is on the same time as California and Nevada, and one hour behind Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

Emergency: 911

24 hours-a-day dial911 from any phone9-911 from hotel phones

What to do and Where to go in Grand Canyon National Park

Grand Canyon Guide & Maps

Enjoy the North Rim

Use this Guide to get the most out of your visit

Welcome to the North Rim

Sitting atop the Kaibab Plateau 8,000 to 9,000 feet (2,400 - 2,750 m) above sea level with lush green meadows surrounded by a mixed conifer forest sprinkled with whitebarked aspen, the North Rim is an oasis in the desert. Here you may observe deer feeding, coyote chasing mice in the meadows, a mother turkey leading her young across the road, or a mountain lion slinking off into the cover of the forest.

Visitors in the spring may see remnants of winter in disappearing snowdrifts or temporary mountain lakes of melted snow. The summer with colorful wildflowers and intense thunderstorms comes and goes all too quickly, only to give way to the colors of fall. With the yellows and oranges of quaking aspen and the reds of Rocky Mountain maple, the forest seems to glow. Crispness in the air warns of winter snowstorms soon to come.

Although only ten miles as the raven flies from the South Rim, the North Rim offers a very different visitor experience. Solitude, aweinspiring views, a slower pace, and the feeling of going back in time are only a few of the many attributes the North Rim has to offer. Discover the uniqueness of the North Rim.

Personalize Your Grand Canyon Experience

There are many ways to experience Grand Canyon. Individual interests, available time, and weather can influence a visit. Refer to the maps on pages 8-9 to locate the places mentioned below.

Activity	Comment			
Drop by the visitor center	 Open 8:00 a.m 6:00 p.m. (9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m. after October 15) Talk with a ranger Enjoy the interpretive exhibits Walks and programs are listed on page 4 			
Attend free ranger programs				
Take a drive to:				
 Point Imperial 11 miles/18 km one-way 20 minute drive one-way Cape Royal 23 miles/37 km from the visitor center; 45 minute drive one-way 	 Highest point on either rim (8803 ft/2742 m) Spectacular views of Mt. Hayden and Marble Canyon View a landscape changed by fire Walk the nature trail to view the Colorado River Visit Angels Window Overlook Stop at scenic overlooks along the way View ancestral Puebloan ruins at Walhalla Overlook 			
C 1.11.				
Go on a hike	Ask at the visitor center for information on trails and safety			
• Walk to Bright Angel Point 0.5 mile / 0.8 km round trip	 See and hear Roaring Springs Excellent views of the South Rim, side canyons and the distant San Francisco Peaks 			
• Walk the rim trails	• See pages 8-9 for details about Widforss, Transept, and other trails.			
Day hike into Grand Canyon	 Even a short hike down the North Kaibab Trail will help you experience the enormity of the canyon. It takes twice as long to hike up as it does to hike down. Do not attempt to hike to the river and back (28 mi/45 km) in one day! 			
• Backpack in the canyon	• Permit and fees required; see page 12 for details			
Ride a bicycle	 Permitted on paved and dirt roads unless posted Prohibited on all trails, except the Bridle Trail Roads can be congested. Bicycle safety. Wear a helmet. Ride single file. Rentals available at Forever Resorts' Service Station 			

Sunrise and Sunset

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
May 16	5:22 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
May 23	5:17 a.m.	7:34 p.m.
May 30	5:14 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
June 6	5:12 a.m.	7:43 p.m.
June 13	5:11 a.m.	7:46 p.m.
June 20	5:12 a.m.	7:48 p.m.
June 27	5:14 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
July 4	5:17 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
July 11	5:21 a.m.	7:47 p.m.
July 18	5:25 a.m.	7:44 p.m.
July 25	5:30 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
August 1	5:36 a.m.	7:34 p.m.
August 8	5:41 a.m.	7:27 p.m.
August 15	5:47 a.m.	7:19 p.m.
August 22	5:52 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
August 29	5:58 a.m.	7:01 p.m.
September 5	6:03 a.m.	6:51 p.m.
September 12	6:09 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
September 19	6:14 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
September 26	6:19 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
October 3	6:25 a.m.	6:09 p.m.
October 10	6:31 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
October 17	6:37 a.m.	5:50 p.m.
October 24	6:43 a.m.	5:42 p.m.

Full Moon

Date	Moon rise
May 17	8:14 p.m.
June 15	7:58 p.m.
July 15	8:03 p.m.
August 13	7:08 p.m.
September 12	6:35 p.m.
October 12	6:05 p.m.

Interagency Annual Pass

If you are a frequent visitor to National Park Service or other federal agency sites that charge entrance fees, you may be interested in the *America the Beautiful-National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass*. The \$80.00 pass is valid for one year from the time of first use.



The program also offers a lifetime senior pass (\$10.00) for U.S. citizens 62 or over and a free access pass for citizens with permanent disabilities. Those who already have a Golden Age or Golden Access pass do not need to obtain the new passes.

The interagency pass may be purchased at park entrance stations, Grand Canyon Association bookstores, or online at http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html. Your Grand Canyon entrance fee may be applied toward the purchase of the pass.

Bison or Buffalo?

During your travels on the North Rim you may encounter wildlife you did not expect in northern Arizona – what appear to be bison, or as they are better known, buffalo. In the early 1900's, two colorful North Rim characters, Charles "Buffalo" Jones and Uncle Jim Owens, attempted to establish a



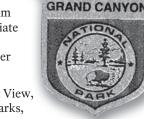
herd of hybrid cattle, crossing bison with cattle in an attempt to produce heartier livestock and meat with less fat content. Such crosses are referred to as cattalo or beefalo. The herd was originally managed in House Rock Valley, outside and to the northeast of the Canyon.

Over time, these "beefalo" have moved from the drier, less desirable conditions of House Rock Valley up into the park where forage and water are more abundant. Park rangers have recently observed beefalo as far west as Powell Plateau. There is no historic evidence of bison occurring at the North Rim so these animals are considered non-native.

While the beefalo are cross-bred with domestic cattle, remember that these are wild animals and can do bodily harm. Do not approach them or allow any wildlife to approach you!

Become a Junior Ranger!

Grand Canyon National Park offers a Junior Ranger program for children ages 5 and older. To take part in the FREE program, pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at the North Rim Visitor Center. Complete activities listed for the appropriate age level and attend a ranger-led program. Bring your completed booklet back to receive an official Junior Ranger certificate and badge.



Additional Junior Ranger programs are available at Desert View, Phantom Ranch, the South Rim, and over 250 National Parks, Seashores, and Monuments nationwide.

Funded by Grand Canyon Association.

The Visitor Center

is a great place to start your adventure on the North Rim. Bring this newspaper with you and speak with a ranger who will be happy to help with questions you may have. The visitor center features interpretive exhibits and a bookstore.

The Grand Canyon Association, a non-profit park partner since 1932, operates the bookstore, where your tax-free purchases help support special programs and research projects in Grand Canyon National Park. Ask about the benefits of becoming a Grand Canyon Association member. To learn more about classes, programs, books and products, inquire at the bookstore, call (800) 858-2808 or visit www.grandcanyon.org.

To reach the visitor center, park in the designated parking area (map on pages 8–9) and walk to the south end of the parking lot. The North Rim Visitor Center is open daily 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m from May 15 - October 15 and 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. after October 15.



Programs and Events

Where to go and what to do

Artist-in-Residence



The wonder and majesty of the national parks have been preserved and celebrated in many ways - through photography, music, painting, sculpture, performance, and the written word. Artists frame our heritage for those who visit now, those who will come in the future, and those who will know the park only through this artistic legacy.

This relationship continues, with artists from all genres participating in the Artist-in-Residence (AiR) Program. Grand Canyon

hosts a seasonal program on the North Rim and a year-round program on the South Rim. Artists participating on the North Rim this year:

Sharin Smelser-quiltwork, photography

Mark McGinnis- painter: acrylic

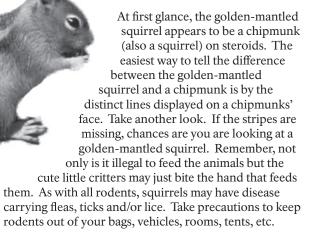
Thea Gavin-painter: water, pastel, acrylic

Tony Amadore- singer/songwriter

Ruane Miller- painter: gouache, digital

Ask at the visitor center for program dates and times of free public programs given by our artists. To learn more about the AiR program or if you are interested in applying for a residency: www.nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm

Critter Note





North Rim Star Party: June 18 - 25

Explore the night sky with Phoenix Saguaro Astronomy Club volunteers. Enjoy a slide presentation and then view the night sky through their telescopes. Dress warmly.

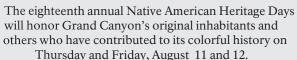
Check the visitor center or program flyers for slide show presentation times. Telescope viewing continues into the night.

Please observe the "low light" restrictions for better viewing of the night sky. Watch for special daytime viewings of the sun through a filtered telescope.

Western Arts Day: July 9

Western Arts Day celebrates the western culture which helps define what Grand Canyon, northern Arizona, and southern Utah are today, focusing on music and poetry. Programmed activities take place in various locations throughout the North Rim developed area.

Native American Heritage Days: August 11 - 12



Heritage Days began in 1994 with individuals from the Kaibab Band of the Paiutes, the last native group to occupy, on a seasonal basis, the North Rim area. The event has grown over the years to include a variety of presenters from traditionally associated tribes.

Symphony of the Canyon: August 13

Symphony of the Canyon presents a musical interpretation of Grand Canyon. This seventeenyear tradition brings southern Utah and northern Arizona musicians from pre-teen to more than 70 years old together sharing their talents. For more



information regarding this event, contact Forever Resorts at the Grand Canyon Lodge: (928) 638-2611.

Ranger-Led Programs

O	O	LOCATION	DATES	TIME	DURATION	FREQUENCY
Nature Walk 🗲						
Learn about the natural processes that sustain ponderosa p with a relaxed 1.5 mile/2.4 km walk with some elevation ga		North Rim Visitor Center	May 28 - October 15	8:00 a.m.	1 hour	Daily
Flashback - A Glimpse of History	E F					
Step back in time with a ranger as he or she introduces you	to a remnant of North Rim history.	Grand Canyon Lodge Sun Room	Check at the visitor center	10:30 a.m.	15-20 minutes	Check at the visitor center
Way Cool Canyon 🎊 🔥 🗲						
A ranger presents activities, games, and stories that hone yo environment of the North Rim. Check out a Discovery Pacexplore on their own.		North Rim Campground amphitheater	June 11 - August 28	1:00 p.m.	45 minutes	Daily
Into the Past 👃 🗲						
How did the people at Grand Canyon survive hundreds an powerful ties between people and place. Ask a ranger about		Walhalla Overlook parking lot (45 minutes from the visitor center)	Check at the visitor center	1:00 p.m.	30-40 minutes	Check at the visitor center
What's Rockin'? - Grand Canyon	Geology 🔥 🗲					
Why is Grand Canyon here and not in your backyard? Enj with a short, optional stroll to Bright Angel Point. Bright A wheelchairs.		Grand Canyon Lodge fireplace on back porch	May 15 - October 15	3:00 p.m.	30 - 40 minutes	Daily
Condor Talk 🎠 🔥 🗲						
What has a 9-foot/2.7 m wingspan and a face only a mother discover the life and death story, and the science that saved	r could love? The California condor. Come d this incredible bird.	Grand Canyon Lodge fireplace on back porch	May 15 - October 15	4:30 p.m.	30 - 40 minutes	Daily
Campfire Program 🏌 🔥						
Programs cover some aspect of the Grand Canyon story. Tand visitor center.	Γopics are posted in the campground, lodge,	North Rim Campground amphitheater	May 27 - September 24	7:00 p.m.	35 - 45 minutes	Daily
Evening Program						
A variety of programs explore the scenic, scientific, and cul Nightly topics are posted in the lodge, visitor center, and ca "Ask the Ranger" discussion.		Grand Canyon Lodge auditorium	May 15 - October 15	8:00 p.m.	35 - 45 minutes	Daily
Additional Programs						
As time and staffing permits, additional programs may be p culture, nature, geology, photography, or an evening stroll.		Check at the visitor	center for location	n, dates and tim	nes of special pr	ograms

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.



All outdoor programs may be cancelled in inclement weather or when lightning danger is present.



These programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance. Wheelchairs are available for loan during the day at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center.



These programs are designed specifically for children and their parents. Ideal for meeting the ranger program requirement for Grand Canyon's Junior Ranger badge. Any ranger program, however, may serve the requirement on page 1 of the Junior Ranger Activity Booklet.

Life on the North Rim

Who we were, who we are, and who we share this area with

Brighty of the Grand Canyon



In 1953 Marguerite Henry wrote Brighty of the Grand Canyon. Ever since, children and adults have been fascinated by the small burro who played a role in Grand Canyon history. Who was Brighty? How much of this tale is true?

There was a real Brighty. He lived at Grand Canyon from

around 1892 until 1922. He was given the name "Bright Angel" after the creek that flowed into the canyon from his home on the North Rim, but everyone called him Brighty. He spent his summers carrying water from a spring to early tourist accommodations on the North Rim. He was tolerant of children, who would ride on his back for hours. Most of the events and people in Marguerite Henry's book were based on fact: Brighty was the first to cross the new bridge at the bottom of the canyon, and he did meet Teddy Roosevelt.

In spite of his friendliness toward people and his willingness to act as a beast of burden, he was essentially a wild creature who roamed the canyon at will. It is this spirit of independence, more than anything, that has captured the hearts of readers for years. Today a life-sized bronze statue of Brighty (the work of sculptor Peter Jepson) sits in Grand Canyon Lodge on the North Rim, where he is admired and remembered by children and adults alike. Legend has it that a rub on the nose brings good luck.

Pets Must Be Leashed at All Times

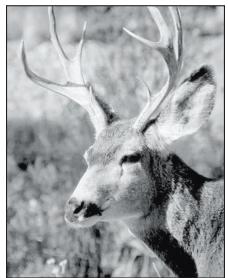


Pets, except signal and guide dogs, are not allowed on trails other than the Bridle Trail that connects Grand Canyon Lodge with North Kaibab Trailhead. Pets must be on a leash. A kennel is not available on the North Rim. Pets are not permitted in Grand Canyon Lodge or in lodging accommodations.

Let Wildlife Be Wild

The North Rim is well known for its wildlife. Deer, turkeys, covotes, and Kaibab squirrels can frequently be seen in the lush meadows and forests. For your own safety and the wellbeing of the animals, when viewing wildlife:

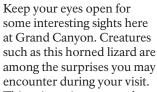
- **Keep your distance.** Deer and bison can be aggressive. Discourage animals from approaching you. Scare them away. Yell or stamp your feet.
- **Never feed them.** Natural foods should be abundant this year. These foods are still the best. Once a wild animal is fed human food, it may become addicted. Animals will often ingest wrappers and plastic bags along with the food, eventually leading to their death.



Protect yourself, family, and pets. Squirrels and other rodents may get into your belongings or enter your vehicle, room, or tent. Keep doors closed. Serious bites from squirrels happen all too often. Fleas on squirrels may carry bubonic plague.

Enjoy wildlife from a distance.

Critter Note





This spiny critter, a member of the iguana family, is an insectivore that feeds mainly on ants, although it may occasionally eat baby snakes.

Remember to be respectful to all plants and animals.

The Value of Volunteering

Whether it's working for resource protection, interpretation, maintenance, or the science and resource management center, volunteers are an integral part of a team whose mission is to preserve and protect these special places we call National Parks. Some travel from season to season or year to year to different parks. Others find a park they have a special attraction to and stick around for a few years. Volunteers help by donating their time, talents and abilities to enhance your and other visitors' experience.

Although volunteering is a great experience and rewarding to the spirit, it is also hard work. The next time you see a volunteer wearing a green shirt with an NPS volunteer patch helping someone on the trail, answering questions at the visitor center, or contacting visitors around the lodge, take a minute to share your canyon experience or just give them a nod to show your appreciation. Come into the visitor center for more information on the volunteer program or visit www.volunteer.gov/gov



A Great Experience

For the past seven summers, I have volunteered as an interpreter on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. It has been a way for me to share my love of the great outdoors and help the National Park Service with its mission to preserve the area for the enjoyment of all.

As a volunteer, I conduct nature walks and the condor and archeology talks. I help visitors

at the visitor center and out on the trails. As one of my hobbies is photography, I enjoy taking visitors on a photo walk, with cameras in hand, and teach them how to take "better" pictures at the canyon and wherever else they visit. With my photography, I have created a photo album of the flora of the North Rim that we use as a reference in the visitor center.

This all has been a wonderful way to meet and serve people from all walks of life and from all over the world. To be able to do this on the North Rim is memorable and most enjoyable, made more so by all the wonderful people I meet and work with.

I hope to see you out on the trail or at one of the various programs here on the North Rim.

Nancy Varga

Critter Note

As you stand near the canyons edge listen for the whistling wings of the white-throated swift as it rapidly maneuvers around cliffs and trees. This small bird spends most of its life in the air. It is among the fastest birds in North America. The swift is said to reach speeds of 200 miles per hour (300 kph). Watch for other aerial acrobats including swallows, purple martins, hummingbirds, and ravens.

On The Wings of a Condor

Is that a bird or an airplane? If you find yourself asking this question, it is very possible you are seeing the results of the hopeful, and so far promising, comeback story of the California condor. With their large wings, bald head and a face only a mother could love, seeing a condor riding a thermal over the canyon is a spectacular view from the past.

Fossil evidence shows that condors have nested in the Grand Canyon area for approximately 50,000 years. During the Pleistocene, when the canyon had a cooler and wetter climate, the California condor scavenged carcasses of sloth, mammoth, and horse. A once flourishing bird, the California condor was almost gone by the 1980s



when there were fewer than two dozen left in the world. There are many reasons for their decline, most involving human impacts. With this in mind, scientists have been working to re-establish their presence in central California and northern Arizona. One confirmation of a successful reintroduction program is reproduction in the wild.

California condors, being curious, are attracted to human activity. If you see a condor, do not approach it or offer it food. Try to read the number on the wing band and report it to a ranger.

Grand Canyon Lodge: Many Decades of Service

Grand Canyon Lodge on the North Rim of Grand Canyon is often the first prominent feature that visitors see, even before viewing the canyon. The highway ends at the lodge. The lodge's sloped roof, huge ponderosa beams and massive limestone facade fit its 8000-foot/2400 m setting, but where is the Grand Canyon?

To experience the full impact of the design of the lodge, take the historic route. Go through the front entrance. Walk across the carpeted lobby and descend a stairwell. Shining through great windows across the "Sun Room" is the much-anticipated first view of the Grand Canyon.



The architect, Gilbert Stanley Underwood, following the wishes of then-Director of the National Park Service, Steven Mather, designed a rustic national park lodge. Grand Canyon Lodge served as a symbol of the importance of the preservation of this natural wonder, while allowing for luxury and enjoyment. Yet, Underwood had incorporated something extra—a surprise view!

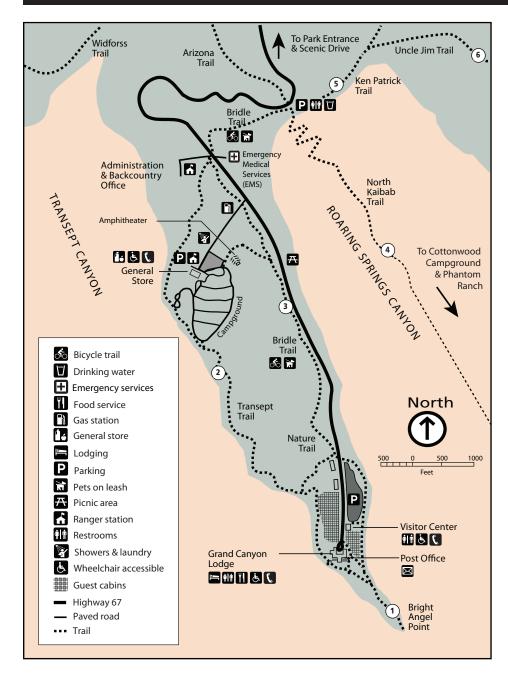
Underwood's 1928 Grand Canyon Lodge, designed for then-concessionaire the Union Pacific Railroad, is not today's lodge. Underwood's design included a massive Spanish-style exterior with a high front topped by an observation tower. The original burned down in 1932 and a "new" 1937 lodge sits on its footprint.

The fire that destroyed the original lodge engulfed the structure within minutes. On the top floor over the auditorium slept the only inhabitants —the lodge manager, his wife, and the maids. All exited safely to stand watching helplessly in the early morning hours of September 1, 1932.

The Utah Parks Company, Union Pacific's subsidiary, hastily erected a cafeteria and recreation hall. The next summer buses brought more visitors, but Underwood's secret surprise of having your first view of Grand Canyon from inside the lodge was lost until the summer of 1937 when Grand Canyon Lodge reopened. Utilizing the same floor plan, the builders erected a more sensible structure with sloped roofs, better able to shed the heavy snows. They also preserved Underwood's surprise view.

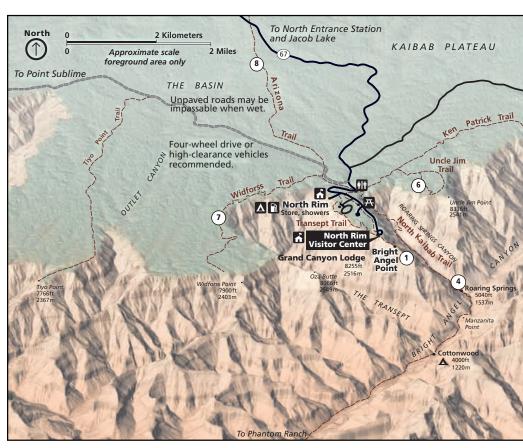
For decades employees would greet visitors arriving by bus and sing them through the entrance. Later the employees would put on a talent show after serving dinner, and end the evening with a dance accompanied by a college student orchestra. These entertainments no longer exist.

The lodge still exhibits Underwood's genius. Another genius, the geologist Clarence E. Dutton, came to the North Rim in 1880 and described his experience in his masterpiece, A Tertiary History of the Grand Canyon District. "The earth suddenly sinks at our feet to illimitable depths. In an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, the awful scene is before us." Underwood must have read his book, or perhaps inspiration does strike twice.









Trail Guides

Day hiking in Grand Canyon is one way to experience some of the canyon's rich natural beauty and immense size. No permits or fees are required for day hikes. When hiking into the canyon, plan 1/3 of your time to walk down and 2/3 to trudge back. Assuming that you are physically fit and have adequate food and water (at least 3 quarts/liters per person), the following day hikes are considered reasonable for most people during the summer months. The numbers following correlate with the maps above.

Always check the status of trails before traveling to the trailhead.

1. Bright Angel Point Trail

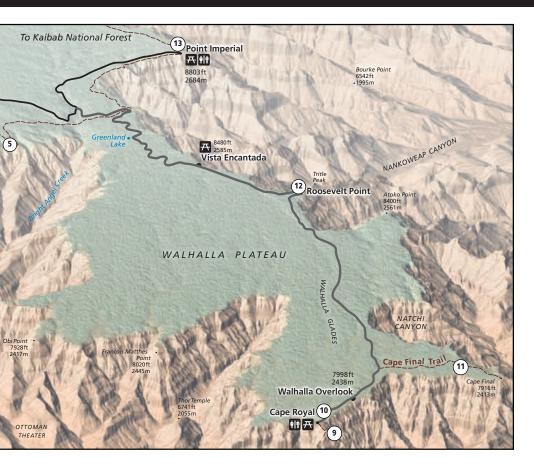
0.5 mi./0.8 km round-trip; 30 minutes approximate round-trip A short walk on a paved trail leads to a spectacular view of the canyon. The trail begins at the log shelter in the parking area by the visitor center or at the corner of the back porch behind the lodge. Obtain selfguiding nature trail pamphlets from a box along the trail.

2. Transept Trail

3.0 mi./4.8 km round-trip;1.5 hours approximate round-tripTrail follows the canyon rim fromGrand Canyon Lodge to the North RimCampground.

3. Bridle Trail

This trail follows the road as it connects the Grand Canyon Lodge with the North Kaibab Trailhead, a distance of 1.2 miles/2 km one-way. Pets on leash and bicycles are permitted on this hard-packed trail.









4. North Kaibab Trail

Distance and hiking times vary.

This is the only maintained trail into the canyon from the North Rim. Distances and locations for North Kaibab trail, and information about canyon hiking are listed on pages 12-13. Under no circumstances should you attempt to hike from the rim to the river and back in one day! Round trip to the Colorado River is 28 miles / 45 km and the trail descends almost 6,000 ft. / 1,800 m.

The opening of the North Kaibab Trail may be delayed due to severe winter damage. More information on the North Kaibab Trail is displayed on page 13. This trail is also used by mules.

5. Ken Patrick Trail

10 mi./16 km one-way; 6 hours approximate one-way hiking time.

Trail winds through the forest and along the rim from Point Imperial to the North Kaibab Trail parking area.

6. Uncle Jim Trail

5.0 mi./8.0 km round-trip; 3 hours approximate round-trip hiking time. Winds through the forest to a point overlooking the canyon and the North Kaibab Trail switchbacks. Begins at the North Kaibab Trail parking lot. This trail is also used by mules.

7. Widforss Trail

10 mi./16 km round-trip; 6 hours approximate round-trip hiking time Blends forest and canyon scenery. Even a short walk can be very satisfying. Take the dirt road 1/4 mile/0.4 km south of Cape Royal Road for 1 mile/1.6 km to the Widforss Trail parking area. Self-guiding trail brochure available at trailhead.

8. Arizona Trail

A section of this trail enters the park near the North Entrance and roughly parallels the highway until it connects with the North Kaibab Trail, a distance of approximately 10 miles/16 km.

9. Cape Royal Trail

0.6 mi./1.0 km round-trip; 30 minutes approximate round-trip An easy walk on a flat, paved trail providing views of the canyon, Angels Window, and the Colorado River. Markers along the trail interpret the area's natural history. Trail begins at the southeast side of the Cape Royal parking area.

10. Cliff Springs Trail

1.0 mi./1.6 km round-trip; 1 hour approximate round-trip hiking time. Path meanders down a forested ravine and ends where a chest-high boulder rests under a large overhang. The spring is on the cliff side of the boulder. Please do not drink the water as it may be contaminated. Trail begins directly across the road from a small pullout on a curve 0.3 miles/0.5 km from Cape Royal.

11. Cape Final Trail

4.0 mi./6.4 km round-trip; 2 hours approximate round-trip A forested walk from the dirt parking area to Cape Final. This trail offers a view of the canyon.

12. Roosevelt Point Trail

0.2 mi./0.3 km round-trip; 20 minutes approximate round-trip This trail is a short, secluded woodland loop with spectacular views. Offers benches for relaxed enjoyment of the canyon.

13. Point Imperial Trail

4.0 mi./6.4 km round-trip; 2 hours approximate round-trip This easy trail passes through areas burned by the 2000 Outlet Fire and ends at the north park boundary. Connections are possible from there to the Nankoweap Trail and U.S. Forest Service roads.

Nature Notes

What surrounds us, and how we interact

Fire Management and Forest Renewal



You could not help but notice the charred tree trunks and recovering forest as you drove from Jacob Lake to the North Rim. It can be hard to accept that fire is an integral part of the park's forested ecosystems. Plants and animals here have evolved with fire for thousands of years and depend upon fire to create the conditions they need to flourish. Fire management demands a careful balance between suppressing unwanted fires, often caused by humans, and allowing for the positive attributes of fire under favorable conditions.

Many factors - weather, topography and vegetation types - influence fire behavior and the effects that fires have on park resources. In prolonged hot, dry and windy conditions, wildland fires pose a threat to park resources and can cause significant damage. Aggressive suppression actions are taken against such fires.

Fire is used as a tool for ecosystem restoration when conditions are right. Lightning ignited fires may be allowed to burn when conditions benefit the ecosystem. Suppression actions are taken if fire behavior contradicts resource goals. Prescribed fires are planned ignitions, implemented under scientifically

determined conditions, with specific objectives in mind, such as to protect developed areas.

During the last few years, the National Park Service completed important fuel reduction projects designed to improve defensible space and reduce the potential impacts of wildland fire near structures, campgrounds, and other values at risk. Defensible space is the area between a structure and the surrounding forest where vegetation has been modified to reduce a fire's threat. Properly modified and maintained vegetation can slow a fire, shorten flame lengths, reduce the amount of generated heat, and increase the odds of saving a structure.

The National Park Service has a mandate to preserve resources such as plants and animals, along with the natural processses that sustain them - including fire. Fire management policies have evolved with our understanding of fire's vital role in nature. Fire is a powerful natural force. Its destructive potential is evident, but fire's positive attributes must also be recognized. As a land manager, how would you find a balance between suppressing fires and allowing the natural process of fire to continue?

Monsoon... in Arizona?

Vibrant thunderstorms and accompanying heavy rains often surprise visitors coming to Grand Canyon National Park in the summer. During these events, one often hears "Isn't this rain unusual? This is Arizona. It's supposed to be dry desert, isn't it?"

Much to the surprise of our visitors, summer rains are not unusual. They are very much a vital contributor to the ecosystem. Flora and fauna rely on these rains to sustain life and have adapted to taking advantage of the moisture that becomes available.

The thunderstorms that sweep across Grand Canyon during the summer are part of the monsoon season, a term commonly used in Arizona. Monsoon comes from the Arabic word mausim which means "season." It refers to the large-scale seasonal changes in wind that often bring rains to southern and southeast Asia.

The interaction of a high pressure system over southeastern Colorado and the Texas Panhandle interacting with a low pressure system over southern California causes the Arizona monsoon. This interplay of atmospheric conditions draws moist, tropical air from the Gulf of Mexico and New Mexico resulting in frequent, sometimes violent, thunderstorms with heavy rains.

The monsoon in the Southwest begins in July and can continue into early September. While you are visiting, if it starts to rain, do not be discouraged. Rain in the desert is something special, something to celebrate. If you are thinking, "The day we visit Grand Canyon is the one day it decides to rain," do not feel dismayed, kick off your shoes and join in the celebration. When lightning is present, celebrate safely indoors. Usually the storms pass quickly leaving the forest renewed and the air refreshed.

Avoid Shocking Experiences

Lightning strikes on the North Rim of Grand Canyon are a common occurrence and extremely dangerous. Stay away from exposed rim areas during thunderstorms. Hair standing on end is a warning. It is a signal that an electrical charge is building near you and that lightning may strike. Move away from the rim immediately!

The safest place to be during a storm is inside a vehicle with the windows closed or in a building.

Avoid touching anything metal. For further information *Lightning Awareness* brochures are available at the visitor center.

North Kaibab Plateau

Mountain Lying Down

North Kaibab Ranger District

Much of the Kaibab Plateau is protected within the Kaibab National Forest and Grand Canyon National Park. Kaibab is a Paiute Indian word meaning "mountain lying down."

Visitor Center

A visit to the North Kaibab Ranger District should include a stop at North Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center in Jacob Lake, Arizona. The visitor center is open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily from mid-May to mid-October, with reduced hours later into the season.

Scenic Vistas

North Kaibab Ranger District offers a variety of spectacular views of Grand Canyon, Kanab Creek Wilderness, and Vermillion Cliffs. Some of these viewpoints are easy drives, while others require a high-clearance vehicle. Remember, get a map before heading out on the more remote routes.

Trails

Trails in North Kaibab Ranger District offer both challenges and rewards for the hiker, bicyclist, equestrian, or cross-country skier. Challenges come from the steep, rugged terrain, primitive trails, and the potential lack of water. Rewards include solitude amongst the most scenic features in all the canyon lands, the discovery of unique rock formations, and breathtaking views of distant horizons.

Winter Sports

Cross-country skiing is a good way to enjoy northern Arizona's winters. The snow-covered forest roads become great ski and snowshoe trails. Many miles of forest roads and connecting meadows provide excellent snowmobiling opportunities not permitted in the national park. The area east of Highway 67 and south of Highway 89A is closed to motorized winter use and offers great solitude.

Wilderness

North Kaibab Ranger District offers more than 108,000 acres/44,000 ha that remain wild and free in two wilderness areas - Kanab Creek on the west side of the plateau and Saddle Mountain to the east.

Elevation in Kanab Creek Wilderness ranges from 2000 feet /600 m at Kanab Creek to 6000 feet /1800 m at the rim. This wilderness contains Kanab Creek, a major tributary of the Colorado River, and a network of vertical-walled gorges.

Saddle Mountain Wilderness varies from 6000 feet/1800 m on the Marble Canyon Rim to 8000 feet/2400 m on Saddle Mountain. Gentle slopes on top of the plateau change to sudden drop-offs at the rim.

Heritage Resources

Evidence of ancient cultures can be found throughout Kaibab National Forest. Federal law protects historic and prehistoric sites and artifacts on public lands. Please leave these sites undisturbed. Vandalism should be reported to Forest Service or other law enforcement officials.

Jacob Lake Ranger Station, built in 1910, connects us with the beginning of the U.S. Forest Service and stands today on its original site near Jacob Lake.

For more information on the North Kaibab Ranger District, contact:

North Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center and Grand Canyon Association Bookstore

(928) 643-7298

North Kaibab Ranger District

P.O. Box 248 Fredonia, AZ 86022 (928) 643-7395 www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai/

Shimmer...

Shimmer is an action that comes to mind when viewing the quaking aspen, a member of the willow family. Flattened leaf stalks allow the leaves to tremble. The movement helps distribute sunshine evenly to the leaves. Shimmering keeps the upper leaves from



getting too much sun and allows more light to reach the lower leaves.

After fire moves through a forest, sun loving aspens thrive in the open conditions. New sprouts spring from unburned roots and start the cycle of recovery from scorched earth to mature forest.

In some areas you may see a crooked forest of aspen. This bending and maneuvering allows the trees to withstand the heavy snow loads that come with winter. This is truly a hearty tree.

As you walk through the towering white trees with nervous leaves, you may see a name, date, or picture scratched into the trunks. These historic dendroglyphs are intriguing to see, but carving into these trees yourself is considered vandalism.

Critter Note

Watch for the "Silver Ghost of the North Rim," also known as the Kaibab squirrel. The Kaibab squirrel lives only on the North Rim and nowhere else in the world, because the Kaibab Plateau offers an island of forest surrounded by desert. You can spot the Abert squirrel, a close relative, on the South Rim.

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Illustration by Ranger Mark McCutcheon

Hiking the North Kaibab Trail

Spectacular vistas, challenges, and quiet corners



Don't Suffer, Hike Smart

- **Be Prepared:** Know the weather forecast. Weather changes quickly. Know your route. Carry a map, flashlight, and extra clothing including wind and rain protection. Over-the-shoe traction devices may be necessary on icy trails.
- **Stay comfortable:** Dressing in layers is the key to comfortable hiking. Do not forget your hat. It is important to stay dry and protected from the wind.
- **Go Slowly:** If you can carry on a conversation, you are hiking at the right pace. If you find yourself out of breath, your legs and digestive system are not getting enough oxygen which may lead to fatigue, heavy legs, and exhaustion.
- **Rest Often:** Sit down, prop your legs up, and take a 10-minute break at least once every hour.
- Eat and Drink Frequently: Balance your food and water intake. Salty snacks help replace electrolytes lost through perspiration. Snack every time you drink. Food and water supply the extra energy needed for hiking.

Overnight Hiking

A hike into the canyon will test your physical and mental endurance. Know and respect your abilities and limitations. Rangers will be glad to help you plan a hike within your capabilities. All overnight hikers, except those staying in the lodging at Phantom Ranch, must obtain a backcountry permit.

Hiking Permits

Backcountry use permits and fees are required for overnight hiking. Day hikes do not require a permit or fee.

Successful HIkers...

Avoid hiking in the middle of the day. Begin your trip, make daily changes of camp, and return to the rim before 10:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m.

All hikers should be aware that efforts to assist them may be limited during the busy summer months due to staffing levels, number of rescue calls, employee safety requirements, and limited helicopter flying capability during periods of extreme heat or inclement weather.

Backcountry Fees

\$10.00 Backcountry Permit fee plus \$5.00 per person per night User Impact fee.

Overnight permit requests should be set up to four months in advance to:

Backcountry Information Center P.O. Box 129 Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Hikers arriving without permits should contact the North Rim Backcountry Office 11.5 miles south of the North Entrance in the Administrative Office building. Rangers are on duty 8:00 a.m. noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. daily, summer and fall.

For more information: www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/ backcountry.htm

Health Hazards

Moderation is the key to having an enjoyable hike. Hike within your ability, maintain proper body temperature, balance your food and water intake, and rest often. Emergency situations include:

Heat exhaustion is the result of dehydration due to intense sweating. Hikers can lose 1 - 2 quarts (liters) of water per hour. Rangers treat as many as twenty cases of heat exhaustion a day in summer.

Symptoms: pale face, nausea, cool and moist skin, headache, and

Treatment: drink water, eat high energy foods, rest in the shade, cool the patient

Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency where the body's heatregulating mechanisms become overwhelmed by a combination of internal heat production and environmental demands.

Symptoms: flushed face, dry skin, weak and rapid pulse, high body temperature, poor judgment or inability to cope, unconsciousness. Victim is in danger!

Treatment: find shade, cool victim with water, send for help!

Hyponatremia is an illness that mimics the early symptoms of heat exhaustion. It is the result of low sodium in the blood caused by drinking too much water, not eating enough salty foods, and losing salt through sweating.

Symptoms: nausea, vomiting, altered mental states, and frequent urination

Treatment: have the victim rest and eat salty foods. If mental alertness decreases, seek immediate help!

Hypothermia is a life-threatening emergency where the body cannot keep warm due to exhaustion and exposure to cold, wet, windy weather.

Symptoms: uncontrolled shivering, poor muscle control, and a careless attitude

Treatment: put on dry clothing, drink warm liquids, and protect from wind, rain, and cold.

Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships.

for future generations.



1. Plan ahead and prepare.

2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.

3. Dispose of waste properly.

4. Leave what you find.

5. Minimize campfire impacts

No campfires in Grand Canyon National

Park backcountry.

6. Respect wildlife.

7. Be considerate of other visitors.

For more information: www.LNT.org

Kaibab Formation Toroweap Formation 8000 **Coconino Sandstone Hermit Shale Supai Formation** 7000 Elevation (feet) **Redwall Limestone Muav Limestone Bright Angel Shale Tapeats Sandstone** 5000 AUA 4000 3000 **Grand Canyon Supergroup** 2500 **Metamorphic Basement Rocks**

North Kaibab Trail Profile

Elevations and Distances

Location	Elev	vation	Distanc	Distance (one way)		
	Feet	Meters	Miles	Kilometers		
A. Trailhead	8250	2515	0	0		
B. Coconino Overlook	7450	2270	0.7	1.1		
C. Supai Tunnel	6800	2070	2.0	3.2		
D. Redwall Bridge	6100	1860	2.6	4.2		
E. Eye of the Needle	5850	1780	3.5	5.6		
F. Roaring Springs	5200	1585	4.7	7.6		
G. Cottonwood Camp	4080	1240	6.8	10.9		
H. Ribbon Falls	3720	1130	8.3	13.4		
I. Phantom Ranch	2546	776	13.7	22.0		
J. Colorado River	2400	730	14.2	22.9		



Water is available at Phantom Ranch year-round. Water is also available at the trailhead, Supai Tunnel, Roaring Springs, and Cottonwood Campground from approximately mid-May to mid-October, depending on the weather. Check for availability before starting your hike.



National Park Service rangers are stationed at Phantom Ranch all year. During the summer, rangers staff the North Rim Backcountry Office and Cottonwood Campground.



Backcountry campsites are located at Cottonwood Campground and Phantom Ranch (Bright Angel Campground). All overnight backpackers must have a permit prior to starting their hike. Obtain permits in advance or through backcountry offices on either the North or South rims.

Visitor Services

Locations and hours in and around the park

Services



Available in the General Store and Roughrider Saloon.



Service Station

On the access road to the North Rim Campground. Open daily 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Diesel available. 24 hour pay at the pumps.



Groceries and Camping Supplies

The General Store is adjacent to the North Rim Campground. Open daily 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Laundry and Showers

On the road to the North Rim Campground. Open daily 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.



Found items should be turned in at the North Rim Visitor Center. Inquires about lost items can be made at the visitor center or the Grand Canyon Lodge front desk.



Medical - dial 911

EMT-certified rangers can respond 24 hours a day. Dail 911 or 9-911 from your cabin/room.



Post Office

In the Grand Canyon Lodge complex. Window service open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

Religious Services

Check the bulletin board in Grand Canvon Lodge for a schedule of services.

Weather

A weather forecast is posted daily in the visitor center. For recorded weather information phone the park's information line: (928) 638-7888. Information is updated at 7:00 a.m. daily.

Tours and Activities

Canyon Trail Rides

One-hour rides along the rim and half-day rim or inner canyon trips are usually available each day. Register at the Canyon Trail Rides desk in the lobby of the Grand Canyon Lodge. Open daily 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or call (435) 679-8665.

Colorado River Trips

Commerical whitewater raft trips through the canyon last from 3 - 21 days and require reservations well in advance. Ask at the visitor center for a *Trip Planner* with a list of river trip concessioners or visit: www.nps.gov/grca

Smooth Water Raft Trips

Colorado River Discovery provides half-day trips on the Colorado River from Glen Canyon Dam to Lees Ferry.

(888) 522-6644 or www.raftthecanyon.com



Critter Note

Although not native to the area, mules are a common sight at Grand Canyon. With a donkey for a dad and a horse for a mom, mules are said to be more sure footed than a horse and smarter than a donkey. Mules are acutely aware of their surroundings and have become very familiar with some of the trails on the North Rim. If you encounter a mule on the trail, be aware that they have the right of way.

Stop and find a place off the trail to take a short break. Make sure to put the trail between you and the canyon so the mule can pass easily. Don't make any sudden movements or try to touch a mule. Listen for further instruction from the wrangler.

T Food

Grand Canyon Lodge Dining Room

Offering a view of the canyon: Breakfast: 6:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Dinner: 4:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. Reservations for dinner are reccommended.

Deli in the Pines

In the Grand Canyon Lodge complex, the delicatessen is open daily: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Roughrider Saloon

Also in the Grand Canyon Lodge complex, the saloon is open daily 11:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Coffee Shop

Located in the Roughrider Saloon, the coffee bar offers fine coffee, bagels, and baked goods from 5:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Light fare, appetizers, and cocktails served after 11:30 a.m.

Grand Canyon Cookout Experience

A western dining event with live entertainment. Transportation provided from the lodge. Reservations reccommended: inquire at the lodge front desk or (928) 638-2611.

Outside the Park

Restaurants are also available north of the park at Kaibab Lodge (18 miles/ 29 km) on AZ 67 and Jacob Lake Inn (45 miles/ 72 km) at the junction of highways 67 and 89A.

A Camping

Camping is permitted only in designated campsites in Grand Canyon National Park. Those camping outside of the designated area will be cited.

In the Park

North Rim Campground

Operated by the National Park Service, campsites are \$18 - \$25. No hook-ups, but a dump station is available. Stays limited to 7 days per season. Check campground for last-minute availability. The campground may remain open after October 15 with limited services, weather permitting. For reservations call (877) 444-6777 or (518) 885-3639 or visit www.recreation.gov

Outside the Park

DeMotte Campground

This U.S. Forest Service campground is 16 miles/28 km north of the North Rim. No hookups or reservations. Opens in late-May for the summer months only at \$17/night.

Jacob Lake Campground

Operated during the summer only by the U.S. Forest Service; 45 miles/75 km north of the North Rim. No hook-ups. \$17/night. Group site only may be reserved: (877) 444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Dispersed Camping

You may camp away from campgrounds in Kaibab National Forest. Stop in at North Kaibab Ranger District for more information.

Remember:

- There is no garbage service. Pack out what you take in.
- Bring your own water. Few reliable water sources exist on the Kaibab Plateau.
- Camp at least 0.25 mile/0.4 km from water sources to allow access for wildlife and livestock.
- Be fire safe. Carry a shovel and bucket. Check at U.S.
 Forest Service offices for seasonal fire restrictions.
- Bury all human waste at least 4 - 6 inches/10 -15 cm deep and a minimum of 100 feet/30 m from water sources and drainage bottoms.
- Practice backcountry ethics and eliminate all signs of your camp.

Kaibab Camper Village (Jacob Lake)

This commercial campground is located 0.25 mile/0.5 km south of Jacob Lake on Arizona 67. Full hook-ups are available. May 15 - October 15 call (928) 643-7804, during the off-season (928) 526-0924, outside Arizona (800) 525-0924.

Lodging In the Park

Grand Canyon Lodge

Check at the lodge for same day availability. Make advanced reservations with Forever Resorts at (877) 386-4383 or (480) 998-1981 or on the internet at www.grandcanyonforever.com. Reserve as far ahead as possible as lodging is booked well in advance.

Outside the Park

Kaibab Lodge

Located 18 miles/30 km north of the North Rim, the lodge is open mid-May to early November and includes a restaurant and store. Some services may remain open after facilities in the park have closed for the season. (928) 638-2389

Jacob Lake Inn

Located 45 miles/75 km north of the North Rim in Jacob Lake, AZ, the Jacob Lake Inn is open year-round 6:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Includes a restaurant, store, and gas station with pay at pump available 24 hours daily. Propane is available.

Transportation

Hiker Shuttle

A shuttle to the North Kaibab Trailhead is available twice daily in the morning. Sign up at the Grand Canyon Lodge front desk. The shuttle picks up passengers in front of the lodge at 5:45 a.m. and 7:10 a.m. Reservations are recommended 24 hours in advance.

Rim-to-Rim Transportation

Daily transportation between the rims is provided by Transcanyon Shuttle. The shuttle departs the North Rim at 7:00 a.m. and arrives at the South Rim at 11:30 a.m. It departs the South Rim at 1:30 p.m. and arrives at the North Rim at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required: (928) 638-2820.

Arizona Highway Information

511 or (888) 411-ROAD www.az511.gov

Books and gifts

The Grand Canyon Association bookstore, in the North Rim Visitor Center, is open daily 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Gift Shop, in the Grand Canyon Lodge complex, is open daily 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Some gift items are also available in the General Store.

Area Information

What else you need to know

Protect the Remnants of Our History



Thousands of people have called Grand Canyon home during the past 10,000 years. During your visit, you may come across the remnants of cultures from long ago. You may see evidence left by miners, explorers, or cattlemen, or the remains of Native American dwellings, rock art, or artifacts such as pottery and projectile points. Unintentional damage by visitors to cultural sites is a major, but preventable, problem.

Remains and artifacts are a fragile, irreplaceable legacy. The National Park Service preserves and protects these priceless resources. Federal law prohibits the excavation, injury, or destruction of historic or archaeological sites and the removal of any artifacts.

Irreplaceable cultural sites tell the story of this country and remain places of ancestral importance to Native Americans. Treat these treasures with utmost care and respect.

If you would like to experience an archaeological site while on the North Rim, visit Walhalla Glades Ruin, Transept Trail Ruin, or Cliff Spring Granary.

South Rim

The average distance across the canyon "as the condor flies" is 10 miles / 16 km. However, traveling from the North Rim to the South Rim requires a five-hour drive of 215 miles / 345 km.

The South Rim is open year round. All visitor services camping, lodging, and restaurants—are



available. Reservations are strongly recommended during the busy summer season. Some facilities are closed during the winter.

A free shuttle bus system operates in the Grand Canyon Village area. Make your visit easier by parking your car and using the shuttle to get around. Be sure to stop at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center.

Critter Note

If you venture down the Bright Angel Trail or the Kaibab Trail, you may encounter a collared lizard. These lizards appear to be friendly, but are actually aggressive and protect their area. The intense colors make a beautiful photograph.

Remember, respect all wildlife.



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